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# HOUSE BILL No. 1012

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-4-5.

**Synopsis:** Tourist attraction signage. Requires criteria established jointly by the Indiana department of transportation and the office of tourism development for tourist attraction signage to include a category for a tourist attraction that: (1) is a trademarked destination brand; and (2) encompasses sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the register of Indiana historic sites and historic structures; regardless of the distance of the tourist attraction from the highway on which the signage is placed.

**Effective:** July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-21-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.229-2005,  
2       SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a  
4       person may not place or maintain upon a highway a traffic sign or  
5       signal bearing commercial advertising. A public authority may not  
6       permit the placement of a traffic sign or signal that bears a commercial  
7       message.

8       (b) Under criteria to be jointly established by the Indiana  
9       department of transportation and the office of tourism development, the  
10      Indiana department of transportation may authorize the posting of any  
11      of the following:

12           (1) Limited tourist attraction signage.

13           (2) Business signs on specific information panels on the interstate  
14           system of highways and other freeways.

15      All costs of manufacturing, installation, and maintenance to the Indiana  
16      department of transportation for a business sign posted under this  
17      subsection shall be paid by the business.

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(c) Criteria established under subsection (b) for tourist attraction signage must include a category for a tourist attraction that:

- (1) is a trademarked destination brand; and
- (2) encompasses buildings, structures, sites, or other facilities that are:

- (A) listed on the National Register of Historic Places established under 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.; or

- (B) listed on the register of Indiana historic sites and historic structures established under IC 14-21-1; regardless of the distance of the tourist attraction from the highway on which the tourist attraction signage is placed.

~~(c)~~ (d) A person may not place, maintain, or display a flashing, a rotating, or an alternating light, beacon, or other lighted device that:

- (1) is visible from a highway; and
- (2) may be mistaken for or confused with a traffic control device or for an authorized warning device on an emergency vehicle.

~~(d)~~ (e) This section does not prohibit the erection, upon private property adjacent to highways, of signs giving useful directional information and of a type that cannot be mistaken for official signs.

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